

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met March 10th and 24th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Council approved a Development Variance Permit to allow a reduction in required off-street parking spaces for Thompson View Manor Society development
- ⇒ Council approved Staff to prepare a gift basket, not to exceed \$125 for the 2025 SILGA Convention
- ⇒ CAO Dyck attended a Regional FireSmart Committee meeting that was hosted by the TNRD; participating in a regional or community FireSmart Committee is a requirement of the funding
- ⇒ CFO Bhalla gave an overview of the current economic situation; financial strategy & municipal approach, economic risks & market conditions; housing & employment trends;
- ⇒ Council approved the BC Farmers' Market request for a letter of support for continued and expanded funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program
- ⇒ Council approved donating a 2025 Family Pool Pass for the 2025 Easter Hunt
- ⇒ Council approved the following spring intake of Grant In Aid applications: TOPS, Royal Purple, South Cariboo Sportsmen Association, Ashcroft 4-H, Twisted Desert Music Society, South Cariboo E. Fry
- ⇒ Council approved establishing "Community Incubator" as a new utility category within the fee schedule for Water Amendment, Sewer Amendment & Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaws
- ⇒ Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 874, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 875, and Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 876 were introduced and read three times
- ⇒ Council approved providing a comfort letter to the New Vista Society indicating openness to rezoning the identified site to multi-family, subject to the formal rezoning application process
- ⇒ Council approved the Council Remuneration and Expenses Report as presented
- ⇒ Council authorized staff to submit a grant application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of developing engineered designs and plans for the construction of a second treated water reservoir in North Ashcroft
- ⇒ Council supported the submission of the Village of Ashcroft nomination to the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards
- ⇒ Council supported the submission of a grant application to NDIT for a \$50,000 grant under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream

ONLINE UTILITY AND PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

If you pay your Utilities and Property Taxes through online banking, please note **THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE PAYEES WITH DIFFERENT ACCOUNT NUMBERS.** To ensure accuracy, refer to your **Utilities Invoice (ie: 000 OXXXXXX 000)** for the correct account number and your **Property Tax Notice (ie: 50300XXX.XXX)** for the correct account number. Incorrect account payments are becoming more and more common, so please double-check before submitting your payment.



CHANGE TO GARBAGE COLLECTION

DUE TO THE GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY, APRIL 18TH

Friday's regular garbage pick up, for commercial businesses and residents in North Ashcroft will be on **Thursday, April 17th.**

Please have your garbage out curbside by 7 am for pick up.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

SPRING YARD WASTE PICK UP

April 9 & 10, 2025

Wednesday

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Thursday

Yard Waste is NOT to be placed out prior to April 1, 2025.

You must call our office at 250-453-9161 to have your address placed on the list for pick up.

For full details & restrictions of what the Village will pick up please visit:

www.ashcroftbc.ca





2025 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a student or young adult looking for seasonal employment?

Are you a certified Lifeguard or Swim Instructor?

Do you enjoy historic items or events?

Do you like yard and maintenance work?

Are you interested in joining our team?

The Village is hiring a Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Museum Assistant and Parks and Recreation Labourers for the public works department.

Deadline for Applications:

Pool Staff: until positions are filled

Parks and Recreation Labourers: until positions are filled

Museum Assistant: May 23rd @ 4:00 pm

For full details of each position please visit our website :

<https://ashcroftbc.ca/governance/employment/>

We look forward to receiving your resume!

2025

Upcoming Council Meetings

April 14 Budget Meeting 5 pm

April 14 Regular 6 pm

April 28 Regular 6pm



ENHANCING PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- ⇒ Local residents, Gary & Gwen Dost are the new Legacy Park Campground Hosts.
- ⇒ The old Info Centre building at Heritage Park will be relocated to a designated site in the upper parking lot of the Legacy Park Campground, to the left upon entry, where it will serve as the new Campground Office.
- ⇒ Cemeteries were discussed, and a budget has been allocated for the installation of another columbarium at Ashcroft Cemetery in 2025. A cost estimate will be prepared for a survey of the cemetery to determine the feasibility of mapping out additional full-size grave spaces and, if viable, how many can be added.
- ⇒ The WG discussed TCMHA's request for upgrades to the Drylands Arena. However, due to the building and property's physical limitations, key considerations include the high-water mark and riparian area, the need for new water and sewer connections, and whether to bring in modular units or construct an extension to the arena. To support players, a bar tap will be installed in each of the four main dressing rooms for water bottle filling. Currently, no funds are allocated in the 2025 budget for the requested arena upgrades.

STREET SAFETY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- ⇒ Survey results indicate that most residents would like the speed limit changed to 30 km/h throughout the village and these items went before Council and has been referred to the Town Hall Meeting scheduled May 12th
- ⇒ Funding was received for the purchase of one mobile speed sign and one speed bump
- ⇒ Willow Grove Strata Corporation has requested angular parking on Government Street in front of their building; the Village has requested a letter from the strata corporation confirming consultation with residents regarding parking preferences along Government Street; the letter must include a motion from the strata endorsing angular parking before any changes can be made
- ⇒ Concerns have been raised regarding traffic and parking on Elm Street in front of Thompson View Manor & Lodge
- ⇒ The Village will send a letter to TVM and TVL requesting residents, staff and visitors be encouraged to use off-street parking spaces provided by TVM and TVL

